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**CONCLUSION** 

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application

with claims 1-49 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this

application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over

the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35

U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of

patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are

made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are

entitled.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its

prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the

telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any

overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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